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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 14, 15-18 and 24.

Please amend Claim 12 as follows:

Claim 12 (Amended) A tool comprising a first member; a second member; and at least one spacer member which is coupled to said first and second member which cooperates with said first and second member to form a tool having a cooling passage, wherein said spacer is attached to said first member by a first welded connection and wherein said spacer is attached to said second member by a second welded connection.

A clean copy of these claims is attached to this response.